



## A MESSAGE FROM THE NAVY SURGEON GENERAL: HOSPITAL CORPS 120TH ANNIVERSARY



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On behalf of the Navy Medicine family, I would like to thank the members of the Hospital Corps as they commemorate 120 years of excellence and selfless service to our Navy, Marine Corps, and Nation. Today we celebrate the strength, valor, fidelity, and compassion of our most decorated Corps.

Men and women are alive today because of the selflessness, commitment, and dedication our Hospital Corpsmen provide for the wounded, ill, and injured.

Whether serving on the ground with coalition forces, at, below, or above the sea or providing humanitarian assistance; the Hospital Corps remains steadfast in being the first to respond whenever the need arises.

You represent hope to all for whom you care and, with honor, you are the guardians of the trust placed in our hands to do all in our power to save lives and return home safely those who serve and defend our freedom.

To the more than 30,000 Hospital Corpsmen serving across the globe today, thank you for ensuring that our Navy and Marine Corps team is ready to do our nation's work. I wish you a very happy birthday and continued success.

I am extremely proud of each of you and honored to serve with you. Happy Birthday Shipmates!

— Vice Admiral C. Forrest Faison III, Surgeon General of the Navy and Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.//